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Remarks:

*Regarding the amendments to the claims:*

In the outstanding *Office Action (Final Rejection)* the Examiner indicates rejection of some, but not all of the claims which indicates that the non-rejected claims comprise allowable subject matter. The present claims have been amended in order to introduce the allowable subject matter of non-rejected claims into previously rejected claims. It is believed that the presently presented amended claims are all directed to allowable subject matter, and consequently all the claims are in condition for allowance.

*Regarding the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-9, 11, and 13-15 under 35 USC 102 (e) in view of the US 6524624 to Morelli:*

As presented above, the limitations of claim 4 which had indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter have now been introduced into independent claim 1, which is believed to run to claim 1 and all dependent claims as now being allowable. Claim 4 has been canceled. Similarly, the subject matter of prior claim 4 has been introduced into claim 13 which is also believed to render that claim and claims depending therefrom allowable. Thus, the current claims as presented herein are believed to render the rejection in view of the Morelli reference as a moot. Accordingly, reconsideration of the propriety of that rejection, and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

*Regarding the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 11, and 13-15 under 35 USC 102 (e) in view of the WO 98/57544 to Harrison:*

As presented above, the limitations of claim 4 which had indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter have now been introduced into independent claim 1, which is believed to run to claim 1 and all dependent claims as now being allowable. Claim 4 has been canceled. Similarly, the subject matter of prior claim 4 has been introduced into claim 13 which is also believed to render that claim and claims depending therefrom allowable. Thus, the current claims as presented herein are believed to render the rejection in view of the Harrison reference as a moot. Accordingly, reconsideration of the propriety of that rejection, and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

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*Regarding the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 11, and 13-15 under 35 USC 102 (e) in view of the US 6663902 to Hei:*

As discussed above, the limitations of claim 4 which had indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter have now been introduced into independent claim 1, which is believed to run to claim 1 and all dependent claims as now being allowable. Claim 4 has been canceled. Similarly, the subject matter of prior claim 4 has been introduced into claim 13 which is also believed to render that claim and claims depending therefrom allowable. Thus, the current claims as presented herein are believed to render the rejection in view of the Hei reference as a moot. Accordingly, reconsideration of the propriety of that rejection, and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

*Regarding the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-15, and 17-19 under 35 USC 103(a) in view of the US 6524624 to Morelli:*

As presented above, the limitations of claim 4 which had indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter have now been introduced into independent claim 1, which is believed to run to claim 1 and all dependent claims as now being allowable. Claim 4 has been canceled. Similarly, the subject matter of prior claim 4 has been introduced into claim 13 which is also believed to render that claim and claims depending therefrom allowable. Thus, the current claims as presented herein are believed to render the obviousness-type rejection in view of the Morelli reference as a moot. Accordingly, reconsideration of the propriety of that rejection, and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.


Should the Examiner in charge of this application believe that telephonic communication with the undersigned would meaningfully advance the prosecution of this application, they are invited to call the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

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CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR FEES

Should any further fee be required by the Commissioner in order to permit the timely entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully Submitted;

  
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